

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Official Action mailed July 7, 2005.

In the present paper, the specification is amended and a terminal disclaimer is filed.

Claims 16-27 remain in the case, and are presented here for the Examiner's consideration in view of the following remarks.

The Specification

Applicant has amended the first paragraph of the specification, which was originally added by preliminary amendment. That paragraph includes the claim of priority, and has been amended to include the U.S. patent number and issue date of the parent.

The Claims

The Examiner has allowed claims 23-27. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his careful consideration and allowance of those claims.

The Examiner has rejected claims 16-18 under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicants have filed herewith a terminal disclaimer and associated fee in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) and submit that that rejection is thereby overcome. Those claims, together with dependent claims 19-22, have been deemed otherwise allowable by the Examiner, and Applicants therefore submit that claims 16-22 are now in condition for allowance.

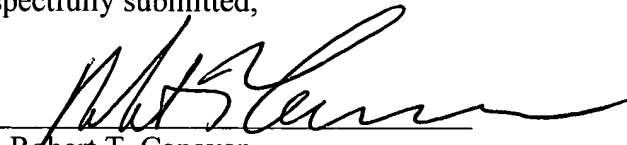
Conclusion

Applicant therefore respectfully asserts that claims 16-27 are now in condition for allowance, and earnestly request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present case, the Examiner should not hesitate in contacting the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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